



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yuji Okawa
Appl. No. : 10/809,566
Filed : March 25, 2004
For : WAFER BACK SURFACE
TREATING METHOD AND DICING
SHEET ADHERING APPARATUS
Examiner : Thanhha S Pham
Group Art Unit : 2813

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the communication from the Examiner mailed December 19, 2005. In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the communication, Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of treating a wafer back surface. Applicant further elects Species 2 drawn to a wafer back surface treating with blowing ozone to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Claims 1, 3, 6, and 8 read on the elected species, and claim 1 is generic. This election is made without traverse.

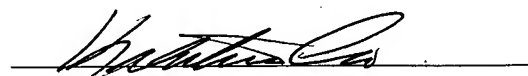
No fees are believed due for the present Amendment, however, should any fees be due, please charge them to our deposit account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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